

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A sealing agent for Liquid Crystal dropping method for LCD panels which comprises a photosetting component, a thermosetting component and a photosetting agent, characterized in that the reduction in the logarithm of the specific resistance of liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method A described in the Detailed Description of the Invention is 8 % or less, and the change in the phase transition temperature of the liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method B in the Detailed Description of the Invention is 0.5°C or less.

2. (Original) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reductions in weight at room temperature and at 150°C as determined by Measurement Method C described in the Detailed Description of the Invention are 0.05 weight % or less and 0.5 weight % or less, respectively.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A LCD panel manufactured by using the sealing agent according to Claim 1.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A LCD panel manufactured by using the sealing agent according to Claim 2.

5. **(New)** The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the reduction in the logarithm of the specific resistance of liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method A is 5 % or less.

6. **(New)** The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the reduction in the logarithm of the specific resistance of liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method A is 2 % or less.

7. **(New)** The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the reduction in the logarithm of the specific resistance of liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method A is 1 % or less.

8. **(New)** The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the change in the phase transition temperature of the liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method B is 0.3°C or less.

9. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 5, wherein the change in the phase transition temperature of the liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method B is 0.3°C or less.

10. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 6, wherein the change in the phase transition temperature of the liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method B is 0.3°C or less.

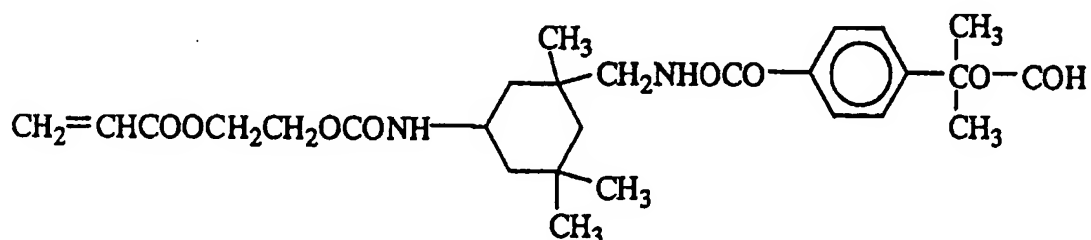
11. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 7, wherein the change in the phase transition temperature of the liquid crystals as determined by Measurement Method B is 0.3°C or less.

12. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the photoseetting component is an oligomer having a molecular weight of 400 to 1000 with opposite polarity to that of the liquid crystal used.

13. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the photoseetting component is a partially acrylated or partially methacrylated epoxy resin.

14. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the thermosetting component is a bisphenol A type epoxy resin.

15. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the photoinitiator is a photo-initiator of a compound represented by the formula:



16. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 14, wherein the agent further comprises a potential epoxy-curing agent.

17. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 16, wherein the potential epoxy-curing agent is at least one selected from the group of methaphenylene diamine, diaminodiphenyl methane,

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diaminodiphenyl sulfone, dicyandiamide, an imidazole compound and an organic acid dihydrazide.

18. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the agent further comprises an inorganic filler.

19. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 18, wherein the inorganic filler is at least one selected from the group consisting of silica and talc.

20. (New) The sealing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the agent has a viscosity of 200,000 to 1,000,000 mPa•s measured at 25°C or less.